

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 576

Introduced by Assembly Member Wolk

February 16, 2005

An act to amend Section 120475 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to immunizations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 576, as introduced, Wolk. The California State Immunization Information System and immunization reports.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to submit a biennial report to the Legislature on the immunization levels of children in the state, steps taken to increase immunization levels and immunization education, and recommendations of a strategy and the funding that would be necessary to immunize all children in the state.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the Legislature and Governor will agree to fund the California State Immunization Information System by the 2007–08 fiscal year, and each year thereafter. The bill would also require the department to submit the biennial report on March 1, rather than March 15.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
- 2 Legislature and Governor will agree to ensure the full funding of
- 3 the California State Immunization System by the 2007–08 fiscal

1 year and each year thereafter, for the health and well-being of
2 California's children and all other citizens.

3 SEC. 2. Section 120475 of the Health and Safety Code is
4 amended to read:

5 120475. On or before March ~~15~~ / on a biennial basis, the
6 department shall submit a report to the Legislature on all of the
7 following issues:

8 (a) The immunization status of young children in the state,
9 based on available data.

10 (b) The steps taken to strengthen immunization efforts,
11 particularly efforts through the Child Health and Disability
12 Prevention Program.

13 (c) The steps taken to improve immunization levels among
14 currently underserved minority children, young children in
15 family day care and other child care settings, and children with
16 no health insurance coverage.

17 (d) The improvements made in ongoing methods of
18 immunization outreach and education in communities where
19 immunization levels are disproportionately low.

20 (e) Its recommendations for a comprehensive strategy for fully
21 immunizing all California children and its analysis of the funding
22 necessary to implement the strategy.